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AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CHILD WELFARE CODE OF ISABELA

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WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the Province shall exercise and discharge its powers, functions and responsibilities appropriate or incidental to the efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities, which includes among others, programs, projects and activities on child and youth welfare;

WHEREAS, there is a need to be sensitive to the needs of children by building a Child Friendly Society where children are nurtured and allowed to grow and develop with dignity, protected from threats to their well-being, free to express themselves and to participate on various activities for their development;

WHEREAS, the Province of Isabela recognizes that the children, as the "Hope of Future Generation", are important assets of our society and should be given a decent quality life;

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WHEREAS, in keeping its duties and commitment to uphold the rights and well-being of children, the Provincial Government of Isabela deems it necessary to adopt measures and address these needs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

ARTICLE I

TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Revising the Child Welfare Code of Isabela.”

Section 2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES. The Province of Isabela recognizes the vital role of children in the development of this Province which hereby promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It recognizes that children have rights as provided in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children (UNCRC) and such other pertinent laws relative therewith.

Having been declared as a Child Friendly Province, it is the policy of the Province that the rights of children for survival, protection, participation and development of their potentials be given priority.

It shall support the role of the family providing for children and promote the efforts of parents, legal guardians, social workers, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and communities in nurturing and caring for the children.

Furthermore, the Province of Isabela shall render appropriate assistance to parents and legal guardians in the performance of their child rearing responsibilities, for the survival, protection, participation and development of children and shall ensure the development of institutions, facilities and services for the care of children.

Section 3. PURPOSES. This Code is enacted with the following purposes:

- a. To ensure the protection of children against all forms of abuse and exploitation;
- b. To advocate for children’s rights and promote their welfare and development;
- c. To ensure that children’s rights are given priority attention both in the government and civil society;
- d. To improve the quality of life of the children of Isabela enabling them to fully develop their potentials and participate in the community life and nation building.

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Section 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. It is the duty of the Provincial Government to defend the rights of children, to assist and render special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

In accordance with the UNCRC, to which the Philippines is a State Party, the Provincial Government of Isabela shall:

- a. Undertake all appropriate legislative, administrative, and other measures for the promotion of the rights recognized in the UNCRC. With regard to economic, social and cultural rights of a child, the province shall undertake such measures to the maximum extent of its available resources;
- b. Ensure to the maximum extent possible that the survival, development, protection and participation rights of the child shall be given due consideration;
- c. Take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect children from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse while in the care of parents, legal guardian/s or any other person/s who has the care of the child;
- d. Assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with his or her age and maturity;
- e. Render appropriate assistance to parents and legal guardians in the performance of their child rearing responsibilities and shall ensure the development of institutions, facilities and services for the care of children.

Section 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms used in this Ordinance shall be defined as follows:

- a. **ANTI-SOCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES** - those acts against property, chastity, and person which include but not limited to the following:
 1. Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, and misrepresentation;
 2. Using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or bad reading materials;
 3. Pimping for young and old prostitute doing or participating in obscene shows;
 4. Gambling of any form;
 5. Rape and incest;
 6. Unjust and inhumane manner of eviction and demolition;
 7. Any other circumstances as defined in existing laws.

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b. BULLYING - shall refer to any severe or repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal or electronic expression, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another student that has the effect of actually causing or placing the latter in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm or damage to his property; creating a hostile environment at school for the other student; infringing on the rights of the other student at school; or materially and substantially disrupting the education process or the orderly operation of a school; such as, but not limited to, the following:

- i. Any unwanted physical contact between the bully and the victim like punching, pushing, shoving, kicking, slapping, tickling, headlocks, inflicting school pranks, teasing, fighting and the use of available objects as weapons;
- ii. Any act that causes damage to a victim's psyche and/or emotional well-being;
- iii. Any slanderous statement or accusation that causes the victim undue emotional distress like directing foul language or profanity at the target, name-calling, tormenting and commenting negatively on victim's looks, clothes and body; and
- iv. Cyber-bullying or any bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means.

c. CHILD – covers those persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition;

d. CHILD ABUSE (R.A. NO. 7610, R.A. NO. 9262, R.A. NO. 7877, P.D. NO. 603) – refers to the maltreatment, whether habitual or not, of the child which includes but not limited to the following:

- 1. Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
- 2. Any act by deeds of which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
- 3. Unreasonable deprivation of his or her basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter;
- 4. Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his or her growth and development or in his or her permanent incapacity or death.

e. CHILD AT RISK – refers to a child who is vulnerable to and at the risk of committing criminal offenses because of personal, family and social circumstances, such as, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means and the parents or guardian refuses, are unwilling, or unable to provide protection for the child;
- 2. Being exploited, including sexually or economically;

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3. Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry, the parent or guardian cannot be found;
 4. Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family or without a parent or guardian;
 5. Being out of school;
 6. Being a streetchild;
 7. Being a member of a gang;
 8. Living in a community with a high level of criminality or drug abuse; and
 9. Living in situations of armed conflict.
- f. **CHILD IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CICL)** – a child who is alleged as, accused of, or adjudged as, having committed an offense under Philippine laws;
 - g. **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER** – a facility where day care services are provided by an accredited Child Development Worker, particularly for children, in the three to four (3-4) year age bracket;
 - h. **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY** - refers to any representation, whether visual, audio, or written combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.
 - i. **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES or CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** – these are children with either physical or mental infirmities, whether congenital or acquired after birth;
 - j. **COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS** - refers to programs provided in a community setting developed for purposes of intervention and diversion, as well as rehabilitation of the child in conflict with the law, for reintegration into his/her family and/or community;
 - k. **CSO** – refers to a local Civil Society Organization. The CSO must be:
 - i. A child and/or youth serving organization recognized by the LGU;
 - ii. Implementing children’s program/project in the locality for at least a year; and;
 - iii. Promotes community empowerment.

The CSO representative should have the following qualifications:

- i. Head of the organization or holding a position of influence for at least a year within the organization;
- ii. Has professional/core competence /expertise on children and youth concerns; and;
- iii. Has experience working on child rights and protection.

- I. **DANGEROUS DRUGS** – shall include those listed in the Schedules annexed to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and in the Schedules annexed to the 1971 Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances as enumerated in the attached annex which is an integral part of R.A. No. 9165;

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- m. **DAY CARE** - refers to the provision of substitute parental care and stimulating activities for the total development of children three to four (3-4) years of age when their parents are unable to take care of them during part of the day because of work and some other situation;
- n. **DDB** – it shall refer to the Dangerous Drugs Board;
- o. **DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS** – pertain to access of a child to education which includes the following:
 - 1. Right to educational opportunity;
 - 2. Right to access on appropriate information;
 - 3. Right to leisure, recreation, cultural and artistic activities;
 - 4. Right to develop the child’s physical and mental abilities to the fullest.
- p. **DIVERSION** – it shall refer to an alternative child-appropriate process of determining the responsibility of and treatment of a child in conflict with the law, on the basis of the child’s social, cultural, economic, psychological or educational background without resorting to formal court proceedings;
- q. **DIVERSION PROGRAM**- refers to the program that the child in conflict with the law is required to undergo after he/she is found responsible for an offense without resorting to formal court proceedings;
- r. **EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD)** – refers to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from birth to age six (6), to promote their optimum growth and development.

(1) Center-Based Programs, such as the day care service established under Republic Act No. 6972, public and private pre-schools, kindergarten or school-based programs, community or church-based early childhood education programs initiated by non-government organizations or people’s organizations, workplace-related child care and education programs, child-minding centers, health centers and stations; and

(2) Home-Based Programs, such as the neighborhood-based play groups, family day care programs, parent education and home visiting programs.

- s. **EXPLOITATION (R.A. No. 9208)** – means hiring, employment, persuasion, inducement or coercion of a child to perform in obscure exhibitions and indecent shows, whether live or in video or film or pose or act as a model in an obscure publication or pornographic materials or to sell or distribute materials;
- t. **IJISC** – commonly known as the Intensive Juvenile Intervention and Support Center. A special facility with the youth care facility. It is also called the Bahay Pag-Asa;
- u. **INTERVENTION** – a series of activities which are designed to address issues that caused the child to commit an offense. It may take the form of an individualized treatment program which may include counselling, skills training, education, and other activities that will enhance his/her psychological, emotional and psycho-social well-being;

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- v. **IPHO** – refers to the Isabela Provincial Health Office;
- w. **JJWC** – also known as the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council;
- x. **MINOR** – a Filipino citizen who is below eighteen (18) years old;
- y. **NYC** – commonly known as the National Youth Council;
- z. **PPA** – refers to Programs, Projects and Activities;
- aa. **PROTECTION RIGHTS** – refers to those rights protecting the child from all forms of abuse, exploitation and discrimination which includes the following:
 - 1. Protection of the child from all forms of physical and mental abuse;
 - 2. Right of the child to be protected from injury, neglect and maltreatment;
 - 3. Protection from exploitation, sexual and economic abuse, including prostitution and involvement in pornography;
 - 4. Protection from sale, trafficking and abduction;
 - 5. Right to special protection and assistance of orphans;
 - 6. Right to treatment for necessary and reintegration of abused or exploited;
 - 7. Right of protection in case of armed conflict;
 - 8. Rights of children who are in conflict with the law;
 - 9. Right of freedom from torture, death, penalty, life imprisonment and deprivation of liberty;
 - 10. Right to protection from child labor;
 - 11. Right to be protected from the use of narcotics, psychotropic drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution;
- bb. **PARTICIPATION RIGHTS** – refers to the right of children to participate, give opinion and be heard, which includes the following:
 - 1. Right to express his/her opinion freely and to have that opinion taken into account;
 - 2. Right to obtain information, create ideas and information known;
 - 3. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion, subject to appropriate parental guidance;
 - 4. Freedom to join association and peaceful assemblies;
 - 5. Right to be heard in judicial and administrative proceedings; and
 - 6. Right to privacy.
- cc. **PSWDO** – it refers to the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office;
- dd. **SPECIAL CONCERNS** – are circumstances which gravely threatens or endanger the survival and normal development of children including but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict related activities;
 - 2. Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development;
 - 3. Living in or fending for themselves in the streets without the care of parents and guardians or any adult supervision needed for their welfare;

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4. Being a member of indigenous cultural community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty or in an area which is underdeveloped and/or lack or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
 5. Being a victim of man-made or natural disaster calamity;
 6. Circumstances analogous to those abovementioned which endanger life, safety or normal development of children;
- ee. SURVIVAL RIGHTS** – refers to inherent rights to life and needs that are basic to existence which include the following:
1. Right to life;
 2. Right from birth to a name;
 3. Right to acquire a nationality;
 4. Right to know his/her parents and be cared for by them;
 5. Right to adequate and decent standard of living;
 6. Right to access to basic health care and services.

ARTICLE II
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF A CHILD

Section 6. RIGHTS OF A CHILD

- a. Every child shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to legitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents, and other factors;
- b. Every child shall possess the following rights which are classified into survival, development, protection and participation rights:
 1. **“Survival Rights”** ensure the child’s inherent right to life and to the needs that are the most basic to existence, the rights to a name and to a nationality, the right to identify and those dealing with parental and governmental duties and obligations, adequate and decent standard of living, access to basic health care and medical services, social security, and rehabilitation. The following are the survival rights:
 - a) Every child has the right to be born well, endowed with the dignity and worth of a human being from the moment of his or her conception;
 - b) Every child has the right to a wholesome family life that will provide him or her with love, care and understanding, guidance and counselling, and moral and material security. The dependent or abandoned child shall be provided with the nearest substitute of a home;
 - c) Every child has the right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a healthy and vigorous life.

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2. **“Developmental Rights”** refer to the rights of a child to education to develop his personality, talents, mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent. These also include participation in cultural activities, access to appropriate and relevant information, and opportunities to rest, play and leisure. The following are the developmental rights:
 - a) Every child has the right to a well-rounded development of his personality to the end that he may become a happy, useful, and active member of society, specifically:
 - 1) The gifted child shall be given the opportunity and encouragement to develop his special talents;
 - 2) The emotionally disturbed or socially maladjusted child shall be treated with sympathy and understanding, and shall be entitled to treatment and competent care;
 - 3) The physically or mentally disabled child shall be given treatment, education and care required by his particular condition;
 - b) Every child has the right to be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of his character;
 - c) Every child has the right to grow up as a free individual in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and universal sisterhood/brotherhood, and with the determination to contribute his share in building a better world;
 - d) Every child has the right to education. Primary education must be compulsory and higher education must be available and accessible to all on the basis of capacity by every appropriate means. The education of the child shall be directed to:
 - 1) The development of the child’s personality, talents, mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent;
 - 2) The preparation of the child for responsible adult life in a free society;
 - 3) The development of respect for the child’s parents, his cultural identity, language and values, and the cultural background and values of others;
 - 4) The development of respect for the natural environment.
 - e) Every child has the right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities, individual as well as social, for the wholesome use of his leisure hours;
 - f) Every child has the right to live in a community and a society that can offer him an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of his health and the cultivation of his desirable traits and attributes;
3. **“Protection Rights”** cover those rights protecting the child from all forms of abuses and discrimination, such as protection from cruelty, torture,

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arbitrary separation from family, abuses in the justice and penal system, involvement in armed conflict, child labor, drug abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation;

4. **“Participation Rights”** refer to the child’s right to participate in matters that affect him by providing all appropriate venues where he can express his opinions freely and to have these opinions taken into account, involvement in the decision-making and a consultative process, freedom of association and peaceful assembly. The following are the participation rights:
- a) Every child has the right to be provided the opportunity to be heard in any judicial and administrative proceeding affecting him, either directly or through a representative or an appropriate body, in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of law;
 - b) Every child has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, subject to appropriate parental guidance;
 - c) Every child has the right to freedom of statement. This right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kind;
 - d) Every child has the right to express his opinions freely and to have these opinions taken into account in any matter or procedure affecting him;
 - e) Every child has the right to privacy and shall be protected against unlawful interference, and to unlawful attacks against his honor and reputation.

Section 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CHILD – Every child, regardless of the circumstances of birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors, shall:

- a. Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life in accordance with the tenets of his religion, the teaching of his elders and mentors, and the bidding of clean conscience;
- b. Love, respect and obey his parents and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c. Extend to his brother and sisters love, thoughtfulness, and endeavour with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- d. Exert his utmost effort to develop his potential, particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his abilities to become an asset to the society;
- e. Respect not only his elders but also the custom and traditions of his people, the memory of heroes, the duly constituted authorities, the laws of the country, and the principles and institutions of democracy;
- f. Actively participate in civic affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, recognizing that it is the children who will eventually be called upon to discharge the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation’s future;
- g. Help in the observance of individual human rights, the strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the

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pursuit of their common aspiration for unity and prosperity, and the furtherance of world peace.

**ARTICLE III
PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Section 8. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CHILDREN – The Province, Municipalities and Barangays shall formulate and regularly update a three-year comprehensive plan for children. It shall be integrated in the LGU development and investment plans and programs. It shall cover the four (4) categories of children’s rights, namely: survival, protection, development and participation rights. It shall emphasize prevention from children’s rights violations to include child abuse, trafficking, employment of minors, pornography, juvenile delinquency, drug addiction, smoking and other emerging issues affecting children.

Section 9. UNDER SIX PROGRAM FRAMEWORK – The Provincial Government of Isabela shall ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child.

To realize this objective, the Early Childhood Care and Development Program coupled with Parents Effectiveness Service Program on child survival and development is thus herein adopted. It shall include the following programs:

- 1. **DAY CARE SERVICE PROGRAM** – Maintenance/sustenance of the Child Development Center (Early Learning Center) of the Province for Pre-School Children ages 3-4 years of the employees of the Provincial Government and families/residence of Barangay Alibagu, the seat of the Provincial Government, and effect the construction for the expansion of the existing Child Development Center to accommodate the increasing number of Pre-Schoolers in the area.

Support the maintenance of established 1,173 Day Care Centers for the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) of pre-school children aging 3-4 years, as well as those existing children’s park in different Municipalities of the Province.

Facilitate and support the construction and establishment of Child Development Centers in other barangays of the Province without access to day care session;

- 2. **WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION CENTER** – A temporary shelter that provides protective and rehabilitative services to abused, exploited and neglected women and children to promote their rights and welfare towards full rehabilitation and development;
- 3. **LINGAP CENTER** – A residential care facility that caters to abandoned, neglected and maltreated children ages 6 to 18 years old. It provides a safe and family atmosphere to help disadvantaged children recover from trauma;

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4. **ISABELA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF** – An institution of learning that focuses on helping Persons with Disability (PWD) particularly the hearing impaired;

5. **ISABELA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND** – A Center that provides education for visually impaired children;

Section 10. CHILD AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOSPITALS IN THE PROVINCE – All hospitals in Isabela shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Health for a Mother-Baby Friendly Hospital. The Provincial Council for the Protection of Children shall establish a Committee tasked to monitor

The Province shall set-up child friendly facilities, such as but not limited to the following:

1. Breast Feeding Room;
2. Newborn Screening and Immunization;
3. Pediatric Care Unit;
4. Women and Child Protection Unit;
5. STI/HIV and AIDS;
6. Blood Station.

To ensure proper implementation of the abovesaid facilities, the Province shall establish and reinforce policies thereto.

Section 11. PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – The Provincial Government of Isabela, in coordination with the Cities, Municipalities and Barangay governance, shall make a periodic child-focused and child-specific comprehensive survey on children with disabilities in the Province as basis for a more systematic coordination of services for children with special needs.

1. **COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION SERVICE (CBRS)**. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 437 duly published by the Office of the Malacañang, the Provincial Government of Isabela shall maintain a Stimulation and Therapeutic Activity Center (STAC) or Rehabilitation Center in the Province.

STAC shall be provided with the needed financial and personnel support to ensure that children with disabilities are provided with needed therapy. Children with special needs should be provided with Alternative Education while they are in STAC.

Thus, the Provincial School for the Deaf and Mute and the School for the Blind shall be maintained and sustained via an allocated budget by the Province to be used for the aforesaid purposes.

2. **TRAININGS AND/OR PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS OR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** – A training and/or program shall form part of the priority of the Provincial Government of Isabela.

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Section 12. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM – The Provincial Government shall implement and sustain a Family and Community Welfare Support System for children. To further ensure the implementation of this Section, it shall take appropriate measures to support the program on family and community under a Family and Community Welfare and Development Framework.

There shall be established a Comprehensive Family and Community Welfare and Development Program which shall include courses and services on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices, parent effectiveness, pre-marriage and marriage counselling, responsible parenthood, among others, in the context of Filipino psychology. This shall also include courses and services in community organizing such as the social preparation for people's participation, community volunteer resource development, and social welfare structure development, among others. The following programs shall form part of this Comprehensive Family and Community Welfare Program which this government shall zealously support:

1. **MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE PROGRAM** - The Provincial Government of Isabela shall continue to implement and support its maternal and child care service program which shall cater to the health of the mother who affects the child in the womb with the end view of delivering a healthy baby;
2. **MOTHER AND CHILD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM** – The program on preventive child care and health services, which will include but not limited to, the monitoring and registration of births and the completion of the immunization series for prevention of tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, neonatal tetanus, measles, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, and such other diseases for which vaccines have been developed for administration to children up to five years of age;
3. **CHILD PATIENT OF INDIGENT PARENTS** – The Provincial Government shall ensure the availment of the hospital's indigent fund by a child patient of indigent parents needing the professional services of a private doctor/specialist to be cured of his ailments, subject to the recommendation of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) after ensuring the availability of funds for such purposes;
4. **WOMEN WELFARE PROGRAM** – The Provincial Government of Isabela shall recognize the role of women in the formation of the society as well as the child, hence, it shall establish and support a Women Welfare and Development Program which shall include courses and services such as self-enhancement skills development, maternal and child care, skills training for employment and livelihood support.

Section 13. NUTRITION PROGRAM – PGI shall establish and sustain a growth and nutritional monitoring with nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake of children at home and in school.

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This Program shall be under the administration and supervision of the PSWDO in coordination with the Isabela Provincial Health Office (IPHO). This Program on nutrition shall include a monitoring and evaluation system by the PSWDO.

Section 14. MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT UBING (Ugnayan ng Batang Isabeleño at Nagbabantay na Gobyerno) CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE – The established Child Protection Hotline that seeks to be a round-the-clock reporting and monitoring mechanism against child abuse shall be maintained by the LCPC member-agencies and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

Said hotline shall operate 24/7 and shall receive and act on all calls reporting cases of crime, abuse, exploitation, and neglect of children. The UBING Hotline shall endorse and refer to the appropriate authorities the received call if it requires regular action. It shall monitor progress in relation to the apprehension and prosecution of the alleged perpetrator. It shall likewise monitor case development and victim status for proper intervention.

Section 15. MAINTENANCE OF CHILD AND YOUTH RELATIONS SECTION TO STRENGTHEN THE PILLARS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM – Each Police Station within the Province of Isabela shall maintain the Child and Youth Relations Section that was tasked to handle cases involving children and must be administered by a female police officer.

Child-friendly police procedures shall also be implemented as incorporated in the Police Handbook on the Management of Cases of Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances. Each PNP element shall be provided a copy of said handbook.

Section 16. ESTABLISHMENT OF A ‘BAHAY PAG-ASA’. –The Provincial Government of Isabela shall be responsible for building, funding and operating a ‘Bahay Pag-asa’ within its jurisdiction following the standards that will be set by the DSWD and adopted by the JJWC.

The ‘Bahay Pag-asa’ will have a special facility called the IJISC. This Center will be allocated for children in conflict with the law. These children will be required to undergo a more intensive multi-disciplinary intervention program. The JJWC in partnership with, but not limited to, the DSWD, the DOH, the DepED and the DILG, will develop and set the standards for the implementation of the multi-disciplinary intervention program of the IJISC. Upon institutionalization of the IJISC program, the JJWC will continue to monitor and provide technical assistance to the multi-disciplinary teams operating the said centers."

Section 17. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN – The Provincial Government, in its effort to establish a community-based strategy for the protection of children, shall endeavor to institutionalize the foster homes for children with the technical assistance and supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development – Field Office.

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In coordination with the technical assistance of the DSWD, the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Section as soon as this Ordinance has been approved.

Section 18. CHILD FRIENDLY BUILDINGS – In the approval of the proposed building plans of commercial and public buildings in Isabela by the Office of the Provincial Engineer, the Office shall ensure the inclusion of child-friendly facilities therein. And to avoid any accidents, the proposed plans of commercial buildings must observe the hereunder specifications:

1. Balusters in staircases must be placed in a manner that their distance from each other would not exceed six (6) inches to avoid children from accidentally falling through;
2. In case of buildings having more than one storey, railings or balusters acting as horizontal or vertical barriers must be likewise spaced in a manner that their distance from each other must not exceed six (6) inches and said railings or balusters must have a height of not less than five (5) feet;
3. Lavatories exclusively for children's use must be installed in the proposed plans to accommodate the personal necessities of children;

Section 19. PAGING SYSTEM IN ALL SHOPPING MALLS IN ISABELA – To cater the problems of lost children inside shopping malls and to safeguard their welfare, and for other purposes appurtenant to the welfare of the public, all shopping malls in Isabela are hereby ordered to provide a paging booth complete with a paging system inside their stores. Failure to comply with this provision shall subject the offender to a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) in addition to the suspension of permit to operate for one (1) year.

Section 20. STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51 – To ensure that safe and adequate nutrition for all infants in Isabela is provided, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. entitled, "Adopting a National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Supplements and Related Products, Penalizing Violations thereof and for other purposes" shall be strictly implemented. Any person who has been found to have violated said Code shall be penalized thereof.

Section 21. SURVEY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN – The Provincial Government shall make a periodic comprehensive survey and situational analysis on the differently-abled children in the Province. The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, together with the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent, Provincial Health and Population Management and Development, shall spearhead the conduct of this situational analysis on differently-abled children in the Province.

The result of this situational analysis shall be the basis of the planning by the Council for the Welfare of Children and other concerned agencies for programs and projects for these children.

Section 22. TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HANDLING DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN – Training program for educators and health professionals handling differently-abled children shall form part of the priority programs

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of the Provincial Government of Isabela. Funds will come from the 20% Local Government Development Fund (LGDF).

Section 23. SUPPORT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) PROGRAM – The Provincial Government shall support the Special Education Program which is presently implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd) by providing regular assistance thereto.

The Provincial Government, with the assistance of DepEd, shall ensure that the Special Education Center shall be set-up in public schools whenever and wherever necessary to enable the differently-abled children to enrol, if possible, within their respective barangays. The Provincial Government shall regularly provide funds for the SPED program to be taken from the Special Education Fund (SEF).

Section 24. PROVISION OF SUPPORT SYSTEM TO THE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATED BY THE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (POs) AND THE NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) – The Provincial Government shall provide for a support system to the pre-school education program for early childhood care and development initiated by the POs and NGOs by significantly responding to the gaps of government service in providing for a pre-school education program having an alternative curriculum which is developmentally appropriate and culturally relevant to urban poor communities; encouragement of accreditation; materials; technical assistance such as enrichment training for facilitators; and financial aid and monitoring activities for community based Early Childhood Care and Development Program (ECCD) as an alternative approach for the continuing basic problem of urban poor children.

Section 25. PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S WELFARE AS A BASIS OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF BARANGAY BUDGET – To ensure that the barangays shall give priority to the welfare of children in their respective barangays, the Provincial Council shall review the barangay budget and give strict attention to the allocation of funds for programs, projects and services for the welfare of children.

Section 26. BARANGAY LEVEL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS – A barangay-level program for the revival of indigenous games reflective of the cultural diversity of Isabela shall be installed. The Provincial Government shall allocate space for recreation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for children's age-group and gender shall be designed with due respect to cultural diversity. This regular cultural program shall be spearheaded by the respective barangay councils under the leadership of the Barangay Chairman and the Chairman on Committee on Social Services. The existing community structures in the barangays shall be tapped to support this program.

Section 27. LOCAL CHILDREN'S LITERATURE – In support to the socio-cultural development of children of Isabela, the Provincial Government shall invest in the production of local literature for children and other relevant materials. The barangay shall also be encouraged to invest in such project.

Section 28. PARENTING ORIENTATION COURSES – Marriage License applicants shall be required to participate to a Parenting Orientation Course 1 or Pre-Marriage Counselling

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Seminar, among other requirements, prior to the issuance of a marriage license by the Local Civil Registrar. This course shall become an integral part of existing Family Planning Seminar on Reproductive Health Course, in close coordination with the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

Parent-applicants for birth certificates of their children shall also be required to participate to a Parenting Orientation II Course before the issuance of a Certificate of Live Birth by the Civil Registrar without prejudice to the early registration of birth requirement under the existing law.

Section 29. INCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM – As part of the advocacy, information and education campaign of the government on the survival and development, protection and security, and participation rights of children, the Convention on the Rights of Children shall be encouraged to include as part of the school curriculum of the schools in Isabela, both public and private at all levels.

Section 30. TRAINING FOR TEACHERS ON RIGHTS OF CHILDREN – Teachers, especially those in kindergarten, elementary, and high school, are encouraged to undertake continuous training on the rights of the child and sensitivity to children in need of special protection to be able to help them. The training shall be spearheaded by the Isabela Child Welfare Council and the Department of Education in coordination with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

Section 31. MAINTENANCE OF RECEPTION AND TRAINING CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (RTCCY) – The Provincial Government shall maintain the established Reception and Training Center for Children and Youth (RTCCY) which provides protective services to children and youth who are abandoned, victims of rape, incest and other similar cases. Said facility shall include the provision of psycho-social needs of children.

Section 32. CHILDREN AND FAMILY PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROGRAM – The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) in coordination with other government and non-government agencies shall design a comprehensive psycho-social program for both children and their families, especially those affected by armed-conflict.

Section 33. MAINTENANCE OF THE SAGIP BATANG MANGGAGAWA ACTION TEAM – The established Sagip Batang Manggagawa (SBM) otherwise known as the Inter-Agency Quick Action Team against Child Labor shall be maintained to immediately respond and act upon reported cases involving child labor. Said Team shall be composed of the following:

1. Representative of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);
2. Representative of the Public Employment Service Office (PESO);
3. Representative of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office;
4. Officer of the Philippine National Police (PNP);
5. Representative of the department of Interior and Local Government (DILG);
6. Representative from three (3) NGOs;
7. Action Officer of the Child Welfare Council (CWC);
8. Action Officer of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC);

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- 9. Chairman of the Committee on Children’s Affairs of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- 10. Chairman of the Committee on Social Welfare and Persons with Disability of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- 11. Representative of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

**ARTICLE IV
PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

Section 34. PROGRAM ON CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION – The comprehensive program formulated by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children in coordination with other government agencies, the private sector or NGOs concerned shall continue to be implemented to protect children against child prostitution, child trafficking, obscene publications, indecent shows and other acts of abuse and circumstances which endanger child survival and normal development. The Program shall cover the strict implementation of the provisions of P.D. No. 603, R. A. No. 7610, as amended, R.A. No. 10175 and R.A. No. 10627.

Section 35. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (PCAT-VAWC) – The Provincial Council against Trafficking and Violence against Women and their Children is re-established.

The PCAT-VAWC shall be reconstituted as follows:

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| | • Provincial Governor | - | Chairman |
| | • Provincial Social Welfare and Development | - | Co-Chairman |
| Officer | | | |
| | • Provincial Planning and Development | - | Member |
| Coordinator | | | |
| | • Chairman of the Committee on Women’s | - | Member |
| Affairs at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan | | | |
| | • Chairman of the Committee on Children’s | - | Member |
| Affairs at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan | | | |
| | • Provincial Health Officer | - | Member |
| | • Human Resource Management Officer | - | Member |
| | • DepEd Schools Division Superintendent of | - | Member |
| the Province of Isabela | | | |
| | • Provincial Director of the Department of | - | Member |
| Interior and Local Government | | | |
| | • Isabela Provincial Police Officer | - | Member |
| | • Provincial Prosecutor | - | Member |
| | • Field Office Director of the Civil Service | - | Member |

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Commission

The Secretariat shall be composed of:

- One (1) Head and three (3) personal from PGI Offices.

Such other rules relative as the functions, appointment and designation of personnel shall be referred to under Executive Order No. 06-A-2020.

Further, implementation of Executive Order No. 08-2020 which creates the Provincial Inter-Agency Monitoring Team (IMT) that monitors and assess the functionality of the City and Municipal Committees on Anti-Trafficking and Violence against Women and their Children, must be adhered thereto.

Section 36. SANCTIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS OR ENTERPRISES WHICH PROMOTE, FACILITATE OR CONDUCT ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTING CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE, CHILD TRAFFICKING, OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS AND INDECENT SHOWS – All establishments or enterprises caught promoting or facilitating child prostitution and sexual abuse, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows, and other acts of abuse shall be immediately closed and be fined an amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) with their authority or license to operate permanently be cancelled, without prejudice to the owner, manager and other personnel thereof for being prosecuted under R.A. No. 7610.

Section 37. ESTABLISHMENT TO POST NOTICES AND INFORMATION AT ENTRY OR FRONT DESKS REGARDING CHILD PROTECTION – All hotels, sauna baths, inns, motels, night clubs and other establishments of similar services shall be required to post notices and information about child protection to serve as deterrent to committing child trafficking, prostitution and other sexual abuse. The notices and information to be posted shall be developed by the Child Welfare Council with the technical assistance of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

To ensure the compliance by the concerned establishments, the Office of the Provincial Governor, through the License Division, shall require these establishments to post such information or notices before their respective licenses shall be renewed and/or approved.

Section 38. MAINTENANCE OF SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION AND LEGAL SERVICES – The Provincial Government shall maintain the operation and implementation of special programs for the protection of children who are victims of incest and rape cases. Said Program endeavors to muster the support of the private sector, more particularly the local chapter of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and the academe to provide legal and protective services to children who are in need of such services.

Section 39. CHILDREN-WOMEN PROTECTION DESK – A Children-Women Protection Desk shall be maintained and supported in every PNP station within the Province.

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Section 40. MONITORING CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE – An application for suspension of sentences of children charged with criminal offenses in connection with or related to any anti-social activities shall be instituted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, with the assistance of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

A special team from such offices shall be tasked to monitor closely the cases involving children in court, to adequately enforce the suspension of sentences. Appropriate and responsive rehabilitation program shall also be afforded to them under the care of the PSWDO, pursuant to the provisions of P.D. No. 603 and R.A. NO. 7610.

The framework of assistance shall be designed by the Isabela Council for the Welfare of Children, in close coordination with the NGOs and other groups having special interests on children's rehabilitation.

Section 41. SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS OR COUNSELS WHO HANDLE CASES OF CHILDREN TO OBTAIN SPEEDY DISPOSITION AND PREFERENTIAL SETTLEMENT – The Provincial Government, in its desire to protect the children who may either be the victims or the accused in any crime, shall give moral and other necessary support to the prosecutors or counsels handling their cases to ensure the speedy disposition and preferential settlement thereof.

Section 42. SPECIAL COURSE FOR PNP MEMBERS – The continuing special courses for members of the Philippine National Police shall be designed to handle effectively the children involved in anti-social activities. All police officers shall take up the course especially those who are interested to be assigned with the Child and Youth Relations Section (CYRS) and other CYR Offices in each PNP detachment.

The course shall be designed and provided by the Child Welfare Council in close coordination with the PNP Child Protection Team, NGOs and other Civic Organizations focused on child and youth programs.

**ARTICLE IV
PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

Section 43. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES – The interest and welfare of children in the family, school community or other organization or institution shall be heard. Every child has the right to express his opinion freely insofar as such opinion is not contrary to law, morals, good customs, public safety and public policy, and to have that opinion be taken into account in all matters of procedures affecting the child.

It shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide to provide opportunities for children to express their views, organize among themselves, obtain information, make ideas or information known regardless of tribe, sex, or religious belief.

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Section 44. CONVENTION OF MINORS FOR PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION – It is important to consult and provide venue for expression of children’s views in the Provincial Government’s policies.

Consistent herewith, it is necessary that 7 to 12 years old and 13 to 18 years old are convened once a year, specifically during the children’s month to determine their clamour and needs. Further, every NGOs concerned with these groups of children shall be instrumental in the process of the preparation and evaluation of the convention.

**ARTICLE IV
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS SECTORS**

Section 45. GENERAL DUTIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS - Parents shall have the following general duties toward their children:

- a. To give them affection, companionship and understanding;
- b. To extend to them the benefits of moral guidance, self-discipline and religious instructions, send their children to schools offering pre-elementary and basic education;
- c. To supervise their activities, including their recreation;
- d. To inculcate upon them the value of industry, thrift and self-reliance;
- e. To provide them the opportunity to avail the Early Childhood Education (ECE);
- f. To provide them the opportunity to attain the Kinder to Grade 12 (K-12) Basic Education Program;
- g. To stimulate their children in civic affairs, teach them the duties of citizenship and develop their commitment to their country;
- h. To advise them properly on any matter affecting their development and well-being;
- i. To always set a good example and act as good models for their children;
- j. To provide them with adequate support as defined in Art. 194 of the Family Code;
- k. To administer their property, if any, according to their best interest, subject to the best provisions of Art. 225 to Art. 227 of the Family Code;
- l. Whenever a parent or guardian is found to have been unreasonably neglecting his duties toward the child, he shall be admonished by the DSWD or by the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC);

Section 46. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS- It shall work together with parents, community organizations and agencies concerned with the activities of children.

Educational Institutions shall incorporate into their curriculum a subject on the rights and responsibilities of children, subject to the guideline set by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) with corresponding roles:

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1. Ensure that teachers and school personnel promote child rights and responsibilities, his needs, child centered learning programs and active learning method;
2. Set-up a program to ensure a Teacher-Pupils/Students ratio of 1:45 and 1:1 ratio for chairs and textbooks;
3. Ensure that local schools have the basic amenities (i.e. water, sanitation and hygiene facilities);
4. Provide access to school libraries, suggestion box and instructional materials;
5. Initiate actions to ensure that all elementary and high school going age population are in school in coordination with the LCPCs;
6. Ensure that the achievement level of pupils shall be within the expected level prescribed by the DepEd and the CHED;
7. Facilitate access of Out-of-School Children to Alternative Learning System (ALS);
8. Involve pupil/student leaders in the formulation of school improvement plan and allow them to participate in LCPC activities officially communicated to school authorities, including but not limited to the formulation of the LCPC plan for children;
9. Ensure that immediate referral and communication to the proper agency are made in the identification of Children at Risk (CAR), as defined in this Code.

Section 47. MASS MEDIA – The Mass Media shall be aware of their extensive social role and responsibility, as well as their influence, in communications relating to children. They should use their power to protect the rights of children by relaying consistent messages through a balanced responsible approach.

That all proceedings and records involving Children in Conflict with the Law be considered privileged and confidential until the final disposition of their case.

Special attention shall also be given to effective anti-drug awareness campaigns, anti-smoking/vaping, use of alcoholic drinks and juvenile delinquency prevention.

Section 48. PILLARS OF JUSTICE SYSTEM – Administration of justice, courts, prosecutors and other judiciary personnel shall ensure that the rights of children are protected and promoted at all times.

They shall conduct programs and activities geared towards enhancing children’s rights.

Section 49. LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) - The LGUs shall come up with comprehensive plans/programs for children and appropriate funds for their implementation. It shall formulate ordinances that shall protect children’s rights through strengthening and institutionalization of the Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPC), Local Sanggunian, Local Health Units and Sangguniang Kabataan and other Youth Organizations.

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Section 50. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) – The PNP based in the province shall ensure police visibility in places frequented by children, especially in the evening, to provide protection and immediate assistance in case of harmful situations.

Minors, who are not assisted by parents or guardians, found loitering in public places beyond 10:00 o'clock in the evening shall be escorted back to their domicile by any police officers, barangay officials or force multipliers.

Section 51. HOSPITAL/CLINIC – All hospitals, clinics and other institutions as well as private physicians providing treatment for any case of maltreated or abused child shall, within 48 hours from knowledge of the case, write an incident report to the Provincial Prosecutor or to the PNP, or to the LCPC or to the nearest MSWD/CSWD.

Violation of this provision shall subject the hospital, clinic, institution, and the physician concerned to administrative and/or civil liability/ies.

Section 52. CIVIL REGISTRAR – The Civil Registrar shall ensure the immediate registration of newborn thru regular coordination with the barangay health workers, midwives, hospital and clinics.

The Office shall issue a Foundling Certificate for those abandoned children in coordination with the MSWD/CSWD concerned.

ARTICLE V

STRUCTURAL/INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM

Section 53. MAINTENANCE OF THE NEWLY CREATED DIVISION FOR CHILDREN'S CONCERN – The newly created Division for Children's Concern under the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and development shall be maintained to beef up its capacity in realizing the provisions of this Ordinance.

Said Division shall focus on specific programs and projects concerning children. It shall also file necessary complaints on cases of unlawful acts committed against children in the most expeditious process.

Section 54. COMPONENTS OF THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN'S CONCERN - The Division under the Provincial Social Welfare and Development shall be created to beef up the capacity of this Office in realizing the provisions of this Ordinance, Laws, and International Covenants.

- a) Psycho-social Rehabilitation Center for Children in Extremely Difficult Circumstances;
- b) Schools for Differently-Abled Children;
- c) Child's Rights and Advocacy and Campaign;
- d) Early Childhood Care and Development Program;
- e) Legal Assistance Program.

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Section 55. LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPC) – In accordance with R.A. No. 9344, as amended by R.A. No. 10630 and other pertinent laws, LCPC is the primary unit that shall assist the LGU in the promotion of the rights of children and the protection of their welfare. It shall be organized in all local government units through an Ordinance by the Local Sanggunian or by an Executive Order (EO) of the Local Chief Executive.

Thus, in every province, city, municipality, and barangay there shall be a:

- Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC);
- City/Municipality Council for the Protection of Children (C/MCPC);
- Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC).

55.1. CREATION OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (PCPC) – PCPC shall be composed by the following:

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| 1. Provincial Governor | - Chairperson |
| 2. Provincial Vice-Governor | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member | - Member |
| Chairman, Committee on Children’s Affair | |
| 4. Provincial Administrator | - Member |
| 5. Provincial Planning and Development Officer | - Member |
| 6. Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer | - Member |
| 7. Provincial Health Officer | - Member |
| 8. Provincial Nutrition Officer | - Member |
| 9. Provincial Budget Officer | - Member |
| 10. Provincial Labor and Employment Officer | - Member |
| 11. Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Officer | - Member |
| 12. Provincial Agriculture Officer | - Member |
| 13. Provincial Liga ng mga Barangay President | - Member |
| 14. Provincial SK Federation President | - Member |
| 15. Child Representative | - Member |
| 16. DILG Provincial Field Officer/Local Gov’t Operations Officer | - Member |
| 17. DepEd Division Superintendent / District Supervisor | - Member |
| or CPC Coordinator | |
| 18. Provincial PNP Director | - Member |
| 19. At least three (3) local Civil Society Organization (CSO) | - Member |
| Representatives | |
| 20. Parent Representative | - Member |

55.2. CREATION OF THE CITY/MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (C/MCPC) – C/MCPC shall be composed by the following:

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| 1. City/Municipal Mayor | - Chairperson |
| 2. City/Municipal Vice Mayor | - Vice-Chairperson |

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3. Sangguniang Panlungsod/Bayan Member

- Member
- Chairman, Committee on Children’s Affair
4. City/Municipal Administrator

- Member
5. City/Municipal Planning and Development Officer

- Member
6. City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

- Member
7. City/Municipal Health Officer

- Member
8. City/Municipal Nutrition Officer

- Member
9. City/Municipal Budget Officer

- Member
10. City/Municipal Public Employment Service Officer

- Member
11. City/Municipal Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Officer

- Member
12. City/Municipal Agriculture Officer

- Member
13. City/Municipal Liga ng mga Barangay President

- Member
14. City/Municipal SK Federation President

- Member
15. Child Representative

- Member
16. DILG City/Municipal Field Officer/Local Gov’t

- Member
- Operations Officer
17. DepEd Division Superintendent / District Supervisor

- Member
- or CPC Coordinator
18. PNP Director or City/Municipal Chief of Police

- Member
19. At least One (1) local Civil Society Organization (CSO)

- Member
- Representative
20. Parent Representative

- Member
- 55.3. CREATION OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC) – BCPC shall be composed by the following:
1. Punong Barangay

- Chairperson
2. Barangay Kagawad

- Vice-Chairperson
- Chairman, Committee on Women and Family
3. Barangay Violence Against Women Desk Officer

- Member
4. Barangay Day Care/Child Development Worker

- Member
5. Barangay Midwife

- Member
6. Barangay Health Worker

- Member
7. Barangay Nutrition Scholar

- Member
8. Chief Tanod

- Member
9. SK Chairperson

- Member
10. Child Representative

- Member
11. DepEd Principal / Teacher-in-Charge or the

- Member
- Child Protection Committee (CPC) Coordinator
12. Parent Representative

- Member

Section 56. FUNCTIONS

56.1 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (PCPC) – The PCPC shall have the following functions:

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- a. Formulate, develop, coordinate, monitor and review all local policies, ordinances, plans, programs, activities which shall promote the best interest and rights of children and ensure mainstreaming in the local development agenda;
- b. Submit quarterly status report on the plan implementation to the Regional Child Welfare Council through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office;
- c. Establish, maintain and update a disaggregated database or local information system on children and their situation;
- d. Conduct advocacy activities on the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of children including the development of information, education and advocacy materials;
- e. Conduct capability-building activities for all stakeholders on children including in the barangay level;
- f. Provide assistance to children in need of special protection;
- g. Document good practice/s on children;
- h. Coordinate and consult with other LCPSs, LGUs and other regional and national authorities with respect to policies and PPAs on children;
- i. Conduct the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA), through the LCPC Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (IMTF), annually;
- j. Assist and support the lower level LCPCs on their PPAs for children;
- k. Advocate for the increased support and resource allocation for children's programs and projects;
- l. Provide technical assistance to the community-based front-line workers through conduct of capability building and human resource development activities;
- m. Develop a Technical Assistance and Resource Augmentation (TARA) Plan based on the results of the annual LCPC Functionality Assessment and the CFLGA; and
- n. Other functions related to its mandate as provided by national laws and policies.

56.2 CITY/MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (C/MCPC) –

The C/MCPC shall have the following functions:

- a. Formulate, develop, coordinate, monitor and review all local policies, ordinances, plans, programs, activities which shall promote the best interest and rights of children and ensure mainstreaming in the local development agenda;
- b. Establish, maintain and update a disaggregated database or local information system on children and their situation;
- c. Conduct advocacy activities on the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of children including the development of information, education and advocacy materials;

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- d. Conduct capability-building activities for all stakeholders on children including in the barangay level;
- e. Provide assistance to children in need of special protection;
- f. Document good practice/s on children;
- g. Coordinate and consult with other LCPSs, LGUs and other regional and national authorities with respect to policies and PPAs on children; and
- h. Conduct the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA), through the LCPC Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (IMTF), annually.

56.3 BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC) – The BCPC shall have the following functions:

- a. Establish and maintain an updated and disaggregated database on children;
- b. Prepare an Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) consistent with its functions as provided herein and in the Barangay EO creating it;
- c. Make recommendations to the barangay on policies and PPAs relative to the promotion of the rights and welfare of children for inclusion in the comprehensive and annual development plan of the Barangay;
- d. Perform functions related to its mandate as provided by national laws and policies such as, but not limited to, children-in-conflict with the law, children-at-risk, and children in need of special protection;
- e. Document the barangay's PPAs and accomplishments on children;
- f. Coordinate its efforts with the concerned barangay official as well as the higher level LGU exercising jurisdiction over it; and
- g. Conduct of advocacy activities on the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of children including the development of information, education and advocacy materials.

Section 57. CREATION OF COMMITTEES BY THE COUNCIL - The Council shall create Committees which it may deem appropriate and necessary whose chairmanship shall be held by the regularly mandated members of the Council for the purpose of furthering its functions.

Section 58. SECRETARIAT – The Secretariat support shall be lodged in the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and shall be responsible for the documentation of proceedings and meetings, preparation of reports and other necessary documents needed by the Committee;

Section 59. BUDGET AND FUNDING SOURCES – In compliance with R.A. No. 9344, One Percent (1%) of the National Tax Allotment (NTA) of barangays, municipalities, cities and the province shall be allocated for the strengthening and implementation of the programs of the LCPC. Provided, that the disbursement of the fund shall be made by the LGU concerned.

Moreover, based on the Comprehensive Guidelines duly issued by the DILG, LGUs are allowed to increase the 1% allocation requirement for the LCPC to ensure that all plans for children are provided with funds and implemented.

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LGUs are likewise encouraged to outsource funds or to engage in partnership with private organizations, establishments and entities that provide financial assistance for the implementation of LCPC programs, projects and activities.

The abovementioned undertakings may likewise be charged against the 20% Development Fund of the LGUs as mandated by Section 287 of the LGC, particularly in the realization of the goals for social development of the community; and/or the budget for Gender and Development; and/or the funds of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Section 60. HONORARIUM FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS – The Council members shall be authorized to receive honoraria in connection with the disposition of their respective functions.

The rates of their honoraria shall be made in consonance with the pertinent guidelines duly issued by the Commission on Audit and/or the Government Accounting and Auditing Manual;

Section 61. INTER-AGENCY MONITORING TASK FORCE (IAMTF) – An IMTF shall be created in the municipality/city, and provincial levels to monitor and evaluate the functionality of the LCPC.

The IAMTF, otherwise known as the Audit Team, at the City, Municipality and Provincial levels shall be composed as follows:

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| 1. DILG (C/MLGOO, Provincial) | - Chairperson |
| 2. DSWD (LSWDO, PSWDO) | - Co- Chairperson |
| 3. Planning and Development Officer | - Member |
| 4. Health Officer | - Member |
| 5. Representative from DepEd | - Member |
| 6. Representative from the Academe | - Member |
| 7. Representative from NGOs and Interfaith Organization | - Member |

Section 62. MAINTENANCE OF A REHABILITATION CENTER AND PROVISION OF SUPPORT FACILITIES – The established Rehabilitation Center for Children and/or Youth Offenders in the Province of Isabela shall be maintained. The Rehabilitation Center shall develop home life services, psycho-social interventions and other services that will make the Center conducive to life and rehabilitation.

Section 63. REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW – CICL, whose sentences are suspended may, upon order of the court, undergo any or a combination of disposition measures best suited to the rehabilitation and welfare of the child as provided in the Rules of Court on Juveniles in Conflict with the Law.

Section 64. COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM/REHABILITATION - If the community-based rehabilitation is availed of by a child in conflict with the law, he/she shall be released to parents, guardians, relatives or any other responsible person in the community. Under the supervision and guidance of the local social welfare and development officer, and in coordination with his/her parents/guardian, the child in conflict with the law shall participate in community-based programs, which shall include, but not limited to:

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- (1) Competency and life skills development;
- (2) Socio-cultural and recreational activities;
- (3) Community volunteer projects;
- (4) Leadership training;
- (5) Social services;
- (6) Homelife services;
- (7) Health services;
- (8) Spiritual enrichment; and
- (9) Community and family welfare services.

Section 65. MAINTENANCE OF A SEPARATE DETENTION CELL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS – To safeguard the physical and psycho-social conditions of detained children having impending criminal charges, the Provincial Government in the Provincial Jail shall maintain a separate detention cell exclusively for children and youthful offenders.

Section 66. SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER – The Dangerous Drugs Board, DILG, NYC and DSWD shall establish a Special Education Drug Center for out-of-school youth and street children.

The Center shall be headed by PSWDO who shall sponsor the drug prevention programs and activities and information campaigns in view of educating the out-of-school youth and street children regarding the pernicious effects of drug abuse.

Programs initiated by the Center shall likewise be adopted in all public and private orphanage and existing special centers for street children

ARTICLE VI INDIGENOUS CHILDREN

Section 67. RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS CHILDREN – The PCPC in coordination with the Schools Division of Isabela, shall develop and institute an Alternative Learning System (ALS) of education for indigenous children which is culture specific and relevant to their needs.

Section 68. FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND TREATMENT – It shall be the right of every Indigenous child to be free from any form of discrimination and to enjoy equal opportunities in the availment of free medical and social assistance from the government.

Section 69. RIGHT TO BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES – The delivery of basic social services in health and nutrition to indigenous children shall be given priority. Hospitals and other health institutions shall ensure that indigenous children are given equal attention in the delivery of health and nutrition services.

Section 70. SPECIALIZED TEAM OF EDUCATORS FOR MUSLIM AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S CHILDREN – In addition to the rights guaranteed to indigenous and Muslim children under R.A. No. 7610 and other existing laws, the Office of the Provincial

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Governor, thru the Cultural Communities Affairs Division shall create a committee to study and design training program for teachers assigned to Muslim communities which is culture-specific and relevant to the needs and existing situation of their communities.

Section 71. MUSLIM AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN – The Council for Muslim and Indigenous Communities in Isabela shall be maintained to facilitate planning, decision making, implementation, and evaluation of all government programs affecting children of indigenous and Muslim peoples. NGOs focused on these communities shall also be recognized, respected and represented to the Council.

ARTICLE VII

**EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER
DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

Section 72. ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EVACUATION CENTERS – LGUs are mandated to establish and identify safe locations as evacuation centers for children and families, as required under R.A. No. 10821. Every LGU shall also be liable for the maintenance of the evacuation centers;

Section 73. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS FOR ORPHANED, SEPARATED AND UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN – Every LGU declared under a State of Calamity, in coordination with NHA, DENR, DPWH and DILG, shall immediately establish an option for transitional shelters, prioritizing vulnerable and marginalized groups;

Section 74. ASSURANCE FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF BASIC NECESSITIES AND SERVICES – The LGU concerned shall ensure the immediate delivery of basic necessities and services specifically required by the affected children in different stages of development;

Section 75. STRONGER MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF AFFECTED CHILDREN – All LGUs shall prioritize the establishment of the barangay violence against women and children (VAWC) desks;

Section 76. DELIVERY OF HEALTH, MEDICAL, AND NUTRITION SERVICES - Every LGU declared under a State of Calamity, in coordination with NHA, DENR, DPWH and DILG, shall provide the health, medical, and nutritional needs of children, including psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development;

Section 77. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES – The concerned LGU shall set-up child-friendly spaces in every city or municipality declared under a state of calamity, as needed, based on the guidelines to be promulgated by the DSWD.

Section 78. ROLE OF NCIP – The National Council for Indigenous People (NCIP) in Isabela shall coordinate with the Provincial Government in matters concerning the welfare of indigenous children.

ARTICLE VIII
OTHER PROHIBITED ACTS

Section 79. PROHIBITION AGAINST LABELING AND SHAMING. – The competent authorities must refrain from branding or labeling children as young criminals, juvenile delinquents, prostitutes or attaching to them in any manner any other derogatory names. Likewise, no discriminatory remarks and practices shall be allowed particularly with respect to the child's class or ethnic origin. Any violations for the same shall be penalized under the provisions of R.A. No. 9344.

Section 80. REGULATION OF CHILDREN’S EXPOSURE TO COMMERCIAL VIDEO MACHINES, COMPUTER SHOPS AND BILLIARD GAMES

1. No video console machines, pool and billiard halls shall be allowed to operate within a radius of Two Hundred (200) meters from an educational institution;
2. No minors are allowed to play in video console machines, pool, billiard games, between eight o’clock in the morning (8:00 a.m.) and five o’clock in the afternoon (5:00 p.m.) or during class hours;
3. Internet cafes are prohibited from catering children during school days from seven o’clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.) until five in the afternoon (5:00 p.m.) except for educational purpose/s.
4. Pornographic viewing is strictly prohibited in Computer shops;
5. Business establishments operating commercial video machines shall be required to seek a separate permit to operate from the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office to ensure that the operation of the same shall be strictly regulated in order to protect the welfare of children;
6. Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall subject the owner/operator to a fine of:

First Offense	-	P 2,000.00
Second Offense	-	P 5,000.00 and one (1) month suspension
Third Offense	-	Confiscation of video game equipment, computers units, billiard tables, closure of establishment and cancellation of business permit of said establishments and a fine of P5,000.00 shall constitute the penalty for the third offense.

Section 81. SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CONVEYANCES – Minors are prohibited from smoking and vaping in public places and conveyances.

Section 82. VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES. – Ordinances enacted by the Province concerning juvenile status offenses such as, but not limited to, curfew violations, truancy, parental disobedience, anti-smoking and anti-drinking laws, as well as light offenses and misdemeanors against public order or safety such as, but not limited to, disorderly conduct, public scandal, harassment, drunkenness, public intoxication,

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criminal nuisance, vandalism, gambling, mendicancy, littering, public urination, and trespassing, shall be for the protection of children.

No penalty shall be imposed on children for said violations, and they shall instead be brought to their residence or to any barangay official at the barangay hall to be released to the custody of their parents. Appropriate intervention programs shall be provided for in such ordinances. The child shall also be recorded as a 'CHILD AT RISK' and not as a 'child in conflict with the law'. The ordinance shall also provide for intervention programs, such as counselling, attendance in group activities for children, and for the parents, attendance in parenting education seminars."

Section 83. CURFEW ON MINORS – Minors are prohibited from loitering around or sleeping in public places from 10:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning of the following day unless they are in the company of their parents or guardians. Children caught violating this provision shall be immediately turned over to the custody of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and shall be released only after having attended, with their parents or guardians, to a one (1) day seminar on duties and responsibilities of children and parents conducted by the same Office. Provided that this provision shall not be imposed during the Christmas season and any other festivities or celebration where the presence of children in public places during such time are allowed or encouraged.

Section 84. REGULATING AMBULANT VENDORS OF JUNK FOOD IN SCHOOL VICINITIES FOR SANITATION PURPOSES AND ESTABLISHING MONITORING SYSTEM – The Provincial Government shall protect the school children from unsanitary food and junk food. In furtherance of this mandate, all vendors within the vicinity of all campuses within the Province shall be subjected to safety and sanitation standards.

**ARTICLE IX
CHILDREN'S WELFARE ACTIVITIES**

Section 85. CHILDREN'S DAY – To conform with R.A. No. 10661 or the Declaration of the Month of November as the National Children's Month, there shall be an Annual Provincial Children's Month Celebration to ensure the assimilation of the values of meaningful children's activities among the population.

**ARTICLE X
INCENTIVES FOR BEST PERFORMANCES**

Section 86. INCENTIVES – To promote consciousness on the Child Minding Program of the Provincial Government of Isabela, there shall be provided an additional incentives/honorarium of Child Development Workers within the Province.

Likewise, PGI shall institutionalize the Search for the Outstanding Child Development Worker of the Province and sustain the Quest for Excellence among its employees,

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including the City, Municipal and Barangay LGU Officials with remarkable and exemplary performance as public servants.

**ARTICLE XI
PENAL PROVISIONS**

Section 87. PENALTY FOR REFUSAL OR NEGLECT ON THE PART OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE – Any government official or employee, charged with the duty to implement this Ordinance, and who refuses or neglects his duty shall be punished with six (6) months suspension from service without pay, provided that due process on administrative discipline as established under the Civil Service Law and other pertinent laws shall be strictly observed before said penalty is imposed to such offender.

**ARTICLE XII
FUNDING SUPPORT**

Section 88. FUNDING – For the effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance, the Provincial Government of Isabela shall appropriate funds of not less than five percent (5%) of its Economic Development Fund (EDF) which is exclusive of the appropriation intended for the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and the Special Education Fund (SEF) and shall appropriate additional funds as necessary and proper in a supplemental budget to support the programs included in this Code.

The amount of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) shall be appropriated initially to implement the provisions of this Code, in which the appropriation shall be sourced from the General Fund. That in compliance with the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2012-120, LGU's may increase the allocation for LCPC from the 1% requirement of R.A. No. 9344 to ensure that all plans for children are provided with funds and is duly implemented.

That LGU's are likewise encouraged to outsource funds or to engage in partnership with private organizations, establishments and entities that provide financial assistance for the implementation of LCPC programs, projects and activities.

Said undertakings may likewise be charged against the 20% Development Fund of the LGUs as mandated by Section 287 of the Local Government Code particularly in the realization of the goals for social development of the community.

**ARTICLE XIII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

Section 89. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Within six (6) months after the approval of the Code, the Local Chief Executive as assisted by the Offices of the Provincial Legal Office, Provincial Administrator and the Provincial Prosecutor shall formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of any and all provisions of this Ordinance.

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Such rules and regulations shall take effect after fifteen (15) calendar days following the completion of their full publication in two (2) local newspapers of general circulation in the Province of Isabela.

Section 90. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE- If for any reason a provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

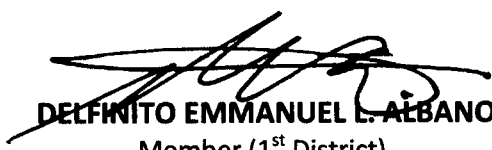
Section 91. REPEALING CLAUSE – All Ordinances, Executive Orders, Resolutions and other Local Memoranda or Rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


Section 92. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its full publication in at least one (1) local newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Isabela.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguninang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 89th Regular Session on July 27, 2021.


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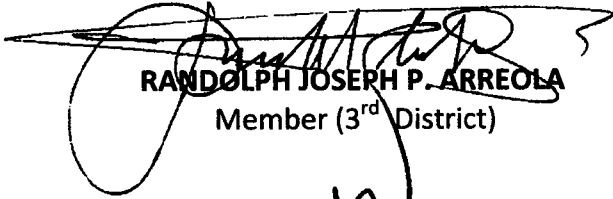
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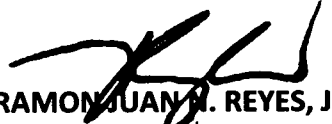

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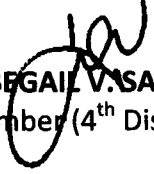

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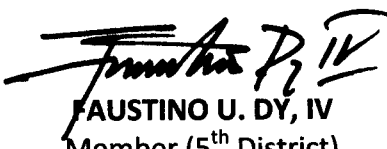

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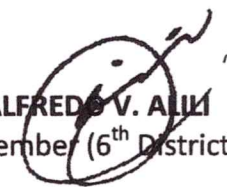

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